



Merry Christmas

Crittenden Press

‘Scrooge in Bethlehem’

Crittenden County youth gave the performance of a lifetime last weekend in a special holiday play. See pictures on Page 8B.

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Board of ed resets school calendar

In response to three missed instructional days due to wintry weather earlier this month, Crittenden County Board of Education on Dec. 10 approved an amended school calendar.

School will now be in session for students on Friday, which was slated on the initial school calendar as a non-instructional day, kicking off Christmas break. Instead, Christmas break begins Monday.

Also, a teacher planning day slated for early January has been moved from Jan. 6 to Jan. 3, meaning students will return to the classroom from Christmas Break on Jan. 6, one day earlier than previously scheduled. Student instruction will also take place on Feb. 17, originally set as a teacher planning day.

School board officials approved these changes and called them proactive based on already missing three days of school before Christmas.

Currently, the last day of school for students in Crittenden County is scheduled for May 14 if additional days of school are not missed.

Courthouse shut for holiday dinner

Crittenden County Courthouse will close from noon until 1 p.m. Friday for the annual Christmas dinner for county employees.

Winter solstice arrives Saturday

Though the recent weather may make it seem like winter arrived weeks ago, the season does not officially begin until Saturday with the arrival of the winter solstice. A silver lining for those who dread winter is that the days will begin to grow longer after Saturday, the shortest day of the year. Starting Sunday, dawn will begin to arrive earlier and dusk later until the summer solstice in June.

Press closed 2 days for holiday

The Crittenden Press will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday in observance of Christmas. Also, there will be no issue of the newspaper the week of Christmas.

Public meetings

- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the judicial center in Smithland.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the district office in Salem.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked, "How do you plan to spend your Christmas holiday?" Most voters say they will be spending the holiday at home with loved ones. The results were as follows:

- Home with family: 71%
- Away with family: 11%
- Alone: 17%
- Other: 1%



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U.S. 641 route to Eddyville selected

Buntin calls project 'road to nowhere'

STAFF REPORT

Magistrate Curt Buntin uttered in public the words that have been on many a person's lips for almost two years now.

"It's a road to nowhere," Buntin said during Crittenden Fiscal Court's regular monthly meeting Tuesday, speaking of the realignment of U.S. 641.

Buntin's comment came after an update by Judge-Executive Perry Newcom regarding the U.S. 641 improvement project. The Newcom said that, according to state plans, no one will be allowed to drive on the part of the highway from Marion to Fredonia until the second phase from Fredonia to Eddyville is complete.

"That will be 10 years if everything goes right," Newcom said. "And we know everything isn't going to go right, so it might be 15 or 20 years."

"Am I lying? It's a road to nowhere," Buntin said, displaying the frustration that many local leaders share, and have shared for several months due to slow progress and changes in the overall plans.

The road was originally going to be four lanes, but now state transportation officials are saying it's going to be what is called a Super 2, a two-lane highway with wide shoulders and limited access points. However, transportation officials are pointing out that the project does include enough right-of-way to make it a four-lane one day.

"They took that ground from those people out there, and now look what's happening," Buntin said after the court meeting this week. "This court will not live to see it."

Buntin said the state could have saved a considerable amount of money by widening, straightening and generally improving the current U.S. 641 highway between Marion and Eddyville. After all, he said, the new highway is going to be only two lanes.

Newcom said the state is also wanting to break Phase 2 of the project – from Fredonia to Eddyville – into two sub-phases.

The judge-executive said that he

and officials in other counties affected by the road strongly oppose further delays.

The route for the new U.S. 641 from Fredonia to U.S. 62 in Eddyville selected by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) skirts Fredonia to the east and includes enough right-of-way for four-laning the entire route from Marion to Fredonia. Though he has frustrations with the project, Newcom is pleased with the alignment, but more importantly with the fact that the plan incorporates the purchase of right-of-way for the possibility of four-laning.

The proposed corridor was unveiled Friday to Newcom and judge-executives Brock Thomas and Wade White of Caldwell and Lyon counties, respectively.

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Buntin



Scenes of Christmas

Crittenden County Elementary School's entry into the 2013 Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas parade, shown at left, won top honors Saturday from the Chamber as the best parade entry. The float kept with the parade theme of Christmas memories with a tribute to Norman Rockwell. The entry incorporated students into live scenes taken from the famous American painter's covers of the Saturday Evening Post. Marion VFW Post 12022 earned second-place in the parade float contest with a tribute to veterans and their sacrifices. Calvary Baptist Church won third-place. The Salem Lighted Christmas Parade also took place Saturday, with the same VFW float winning the grand prize. It was also named first-place among civic organizations followed by Salem Fire Department and Salem's Masonic Lodge. Hunter Auto Sales earned first place for businesses and Salem Baptist Church took the top spot for churches, followed by Pinkneyville Baptist Church. For more parade photos, see Page 4A.

Magistrates rescind easement to Duvall Cemetery

Heirs want to keep access to property

STAFF REPORT

A large contingent of descendants with interest in the Duvall-Gilbert Cemetery attended Tuesday's Crittenden Fiscal Court meeting, seeking perpetual access to the graveyard, which is located off Seminary Loop Road.

About 15 heirs to the cemetery property say they have not been provided unfettered access according to an easement dated Sept. 6, 2006. They say hay bales have been put in the roadway and locks on a gate limiting their access. They also argue that the road, clearly shown on old county road maps, has not been kept up nor legally removed from the county road system.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the current list of roads in the county maintenance system does not include the cemetery access road, formerly known as Brushy Creek Road. The road once went from Seminary Loop to Fords Ferry Road, connecting via part of what is now Monroe Butler Road. It forded Crooked Creek and a couple of its tributaries and was last identified on an official map in 1970, as far as anyone can prove at this point.

Following about an hour of discussion, magistrates voted unanimously to rescind an easement signed by the county attorney, judge-executive

and one of the landowners whose property the access road runs through. That easement was entered, Newcom said, without fiscal court approval. Lack of court approval, magistrates said, was the impetus for rescinding the easement. County Attorney Rebecca Johnson recommended the repeal of the easement. She stressed that access to the cemetery is a civil matter.

In fact, the case is already in civil court where one of the landowners, Estella Guess, has filed litigation against William Ralph Paris and Donnie Orr for damages they did to her property. They say they were improving the access

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Donnie Orr addresses Crittenden Fiscal Court Tuesday regarding access to Duvall-Gilbert Cemetery.

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Website features local family in need of help from community

By **JASON TRAVIS**

STAFF WRITER

It's been said the spirit of Christmas is all about giving. Even small acts of kindness can go a long way toward helping others. That is the premise behind the website RedBasket.org. Created by Woodmen of the World in 2012, Red Basket is a non-profit organization that allows individuals to donate to those in need. Currently, the website shares the story of a local family that needs help from the community.

Before his unexpected death from a heart attack on Dec. 3, Mike Hamilton was working with friend and fellow referee Lafe Riggs on setting up a Web page on the Red Basket site. The Web page would feature Hamilton's family and their need for financial assistance for his wife's medical treatments at the

Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Just one day after Hamilton's passing, the information was published on the website. Now Riggs wants to help get the word out about the site, which was set up to help assist the family with medical bills. Every donation is tax deductible, and Riggs said a receipt will be mailed to those who donate.

"We initially set up a goal of \$10,000. Anybody that donates can automatically see what they donated. There's a meter on the top of the page that shows what the goal is and how much has already been donated. One hundred percent of the donations go to the cause," Riggs said. "There's a donation link where you can just type in what your heart tells you to donate. There's another button on there where you can give her words of encouragement."

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RedBasket.org/86/margies-many-battles

The community of Lyon County has been especially kind to Hamilton's widow. The schools and basketball program raised money and donated receipts from last week's game of the Lyon-Crittenden game to her. The community raised more than \$1,300.

To donate, individuals can visit RedBasket.org/86/margies-many-battles.

"Once her profile comes up, there is a narrative written about her. The day after (Mike) passed away, I called Red Basket and told them about the situa-

tion. They went ahead and typed up a narrative in 20 minutes to talk about Mike and the struggle Margie is going through now," Riggs said.

Riggs initially met Hamilton four years ago and refereed with him the night he passed away.

"He was fun to be around and was always laughing. He had a nickname in our region for basketball, Big Game Mike. Every game he had, he treated it as a big game, no matter what. That is our motto for this year for 2nd Region basketball, to make every game a big game," Riggs said.

Riggs said Hamilton and his wife were high school sweethearts who married and had one child.

"Mike was all (Margie) had, and I would like to do everything I can to help spread the word about Red Basket," he said.

The next Crittenden County Food Bank distribution day is Friday
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County moves forward through another year

As I sit down to provide you with the latest update from your judge-executive's office, it is my hope that you are all doing well and that you and your family are looking forward to a blessed Christmas.

My comments for this edition will be as brief as possible in respect of your time and the space that The Crittenden Press is so gracious to allow me to utilize.

Since my last installment, the county has been quite busy with numerous projects. I will begin with an update on the road department and a few things that will affect the services provided in a very positive manner.

Three years ago the department did not have a licensed or certified pesticide applicator that would allow us to utilize products such as grass and weed killers to help maintain our rights-of-way. Since that time, there have been two individuals train and test with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and they have received certification and licenses required to apply such products. There are also two other individuals who have volunteered to attend the required classes

Perry
Newcom
Crittenden County
Judge-Executive

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and schools to test for certification and licensing as well.

Through these educational and training improvements we will be able to utilize materials that will allow us to better manage vegetative growth in problem areas in the years to come. I commend the individuals who have volunteered to accept the challenge to become certified in an effort to help improve our road department.

The county has also recently purchased a tandem axle dump truck. This was necessary to replace a truck that was involved in an accident a couple months ago. Fortunately, the driver of the truck received no life-threatening injuries as a result of the accident and is recovering nicely. On behalf of everyone in county government and the driver's family,

I want to thank those of you who sent well wishes and prayers for the employee involved in this accident.

The recent winter storm has tested our ice, snow and sleet removal capabilities to the maximum. Considering the conditions with which our road crews were faced, I feel they have done an outstanding job. Any time we receive a layer of ice followed by sleet then snow, the result is extremely dangerous road conditions and a combination that is almost impossible to quickly remove from the road surfaces. Add the well-below-freezing temperatures and the battle is even more complicated.

Fortunately, by the time this update comes to your attention, we are to have some sunshine and warmer temperatures that will provide the much-needed aid to rid our roads of all this mess. I thank all of you for your patience and understanding while the road crews have worked countless hours and spent a great deal of energy helping make the best of a terrible situation.

The winter storm not only took its toll on the roads of the county, but it also

wreaked havoc on the courthouse roof. Apparently, the sub-freezing temperatures provided means to completely freeze the drains and gutters at the courthouse. Once the sun began to shine and melt some of the frozen precipitation, the water had no way to escape the roof other than running into the ceiling of the judicial courtroom. The result of this was some damage to electronic equipment and the ceiling. With the help of contractors and our insurance provider, we are making progress on necessary repairs and replacement of equipment.

Another area recently explored has been under-utilized or non-used county property. With the assistance of department leaders and other elected officials, I have been able to identify numerous items of inventory as surplus property. By removing this surplus property, the county can reduce our insurance costs and improve the overall aesthetics of our facilities and properties.

Crittenden County Food Bank continues to serve between 150 and 200 families per month. The volunteers

who coordinate this program are doing an outstanding job serving those in need and also collecting donations that ensure this program continues. Volunteers recently received the following assistance:

- The local school system provided a great deal of food through a food drive.
- Siemens Corp. was able to collect and donate a sizeable amount of food.
- Jim David Meats recently made a donation of 170 hams.
- Bremner Food Group continues to make a monthly donation of cookies and crackers.
- Conrad's Food Store continues to be a strong supporter of the food bank through donations of breads.
- Numerous churches and individuals in the community make supportive contributions each month.

Thank you to all involved with this program and the many ways through which support is provided!

If you did not notice the article in last week's issue of The Crittenden Press regarding an appointment I had the honor of accepting, I will give you a brief update on

Bubble Boy society being courted

Remember when people used their hands to work?

No, I don't mean manual labor as opposed to automation.

What I am talking about is when everyone from professionals to cooks really used their hands, literally. No gloves, just bare hands and fingers.

Everyone from the dentist to the ladies in the lunch line at school were exposed... totally naked from the wrists down.

Nowadays, we're so frightened by the chance of blood-borne disease and microbes with bad attitudes that we insist, indeed require, people who might touch us or our food to be wrapped in rubber. The ladies in the lunch line wear Haz-Mat suits and a doctor won't put his hand on your forehead without one of those blue mitts they keep by the gross on every counter and wall in the clinic. And just in case you miss the gloves, there's an ocean of pump-action hand sanitizer available, too.

I've got squirt hand sanitizer in my truck. I keep it in the bathroom, too.

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About Town

It's not good enough to have a bar of soap anymore. Certainly not! Someone else might have handled the Ivory at the conclusion of the previous bathroom operation.

It's almost funny how we're edging closer and closer to Bubble Boy tendencies. Why must we quarantine our hands then lick the top of a soda pop can with impunity. We'll put our mouths around an aluminum can that's been fabricated in a less-than-sterile environment, loaded onto a truck then stuffed into the convenience store cooler where the last guy that plucked it off the shelf handled it with, yes, bare hands, before deciding he'd rather have Dr. Pepper instead of the Diet Coke. And did I mention he just used

the gas station's restroom and forgot to wash?

Mr. Cooley was an aged – very aged and very slow – fellow with white hair who ran the country store in the community of Osage where I worked on a pig farm as a young lad in Tennessee. When you brought a canned soda from the cooler, he kept a Kleenex beside the cash register with which he'd wipe the crud from the top of the can before ringing up the sale. I guess that was an early form of sterilization.

I will never forget Charlie Logsdon. He's a biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources who was first assigned to the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area on the McCracken-Ballard County border. It was more than 20 years ago, back when deer harvested by hunters had to be hauled to town to the checking station. Every year during the opening weekend of deer season, Charlie would be dispatched to Marion where he'd sit at Hodge's or across the street at a gravel parking lot. He'd check deer, age

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kentucky politicians acting like nannies

To the editor

I couldn't help but notice in a recent issue of The Crittenden Press that Van Ingram, head of the state office of drug control policy, said that drug overdoses are down in Kentucky. Although Ingram means well, his statement simply reflects a trend.

Every time we pass a law, we lose a little bit of freedom. There will always be those who believe it's their job to lead us around by the hand like children at an intersection. People who have this particular mindset that man is not capable of governing himself need to be removed from public office.

Everyone who is truly concerned about our freedom needs to call his or her state lawmakers and have House Bill 1 overturned. This is an intrusive law that has and had adverse effects with some of our health care providers. It discriminates against Kentucky patients and veterans.

Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) documentation now becomes a permanent part of your medical records. I noticed on mine that some cough medications are even listed. This

causes a huge problem if you decide to change doctors.

I have done my part and called my representative in protest. It's no one's business but mine who I choose to treat me medically, and I'm not going to stand by and let some politician lead me around by the nose in the name of safety. Being a veteran I know that freedom is not free.

I was involved with the war on drugs in 1972 when Nixon declared the operation, and I can tell you for a fact that the war on drugs has cost more lives and money than the drugs themselves.

If I had anything to do with it, the individuals who are responsible for passing HB 1 would be fired on the spot. We need to pass more laws to control our politicians rather than to control us.

I believe it was Ben Franklin who said, "Those who choose safety over liberty deserve neither."

The founders of this nation were well aware that governments have a tendency to expand, and if left unchecked, will take over. The government is supposed to be working for us, not the other way around. Now is the time to let them know.

Don Thomas
Marion, Ky.

U.S. 641

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tively. KyTC chose the alignment for the new corridor after considering input from the public.

As discussed by county officials, the road is still not everything that is hoped for in Crittenden County. When the overall U.S. 641 improvement project was conceived years ago and only until recently, plans were to build a four-lane highway. Despite a base already built for four lanes along the 5.5 miles of construction in Crittenden County, transportation officials have scaled back the plan to Super 2 because of a low traffic count they claim does not meet their qualifications for a four-lane highway.

Based on suggestions submitted by area residents – including dozens of individuals from Crittenden County – at a public meeting in Fredonia last August, the route for the second phase of the new highway will run along the east edge of Fredonia, where it will then follow an abandoned rail line to near the Caldwell-Lyon County line. It will briefly follow the existing U.S. 641 before routing along property lines and existing state-owned

property to reach U.S. 62 near the Interstate 69 interchange east of Eddyville.

The corridor would also run through to the 300-plus acre Pennyryle Westpark industrial park in Lyon County. Newcom said that could be a big economic development benefit for all three counties affected by U.S. 641 improvements—Crittenden, Caldwell and Lyon.

Like the section of grade and drain work from Marion to Fredonia, transportation officials say the Caldwell-Lyon section is likely to initially be built as a Super 2 highway on four-lane right-of-way with the possibility of eventual expansion to four lanes as traffic increases.

KyTC District 1 Chief Engineer Mike McGregor and District 2 Chief Engineer Kevin McClearn on Friday discussed the new alignment with the judge-executives from the three affected counties.

"This project will be competing for funds, along with all of the other projects that will be submitted to the Kentucky General Assembly in January," McGregor said. "We believe this project is worthy of design funds because it connects with a section that is already under construction."

Newcom said about \$3 million has been spent on design work thus far. The cost for final design, he said, would be an estimated \$6 million more.

Judge-executives Newcom, Thomas and White were each presented a map of the corridor that can be reviewed by property owners along the route. The map is available for viewing in Newcom's courthouse office.

"The original path running west of Fredonia would have infringed on a number of environmentally sensitive streams and springs," McGregor said. "This new path makes use of an abandoned rail line to reduce the amount of farmland and homes that need to be taken."

Construction continues on the first section of the project in Crittenden County and is expected to be ready for paving sometime in late 2014. It will initially be paved as a Super 2 with the option of converting it to four lanes later. Local leaders recognized the importance of continued efforts to provide Marion with the short-term accessibility it needs for truck-dependent local industry while improving regional connectivity and safety.

The remaining relocation of U.S. 641 from Fredonia to

U.S. 62 at Eddyville is not currently funded for design, right-of-way acquisition, or construction in the KyTC's master highway plan. An updated plan will be presented to the General Assembly in January. During the legislative session, Newcom is hoping for at least the final design work to be approved by lawmakers for funding in the new six-year road plan.

The present \$18.5 million grade and drain project in Crittenden County extends from just south of Marion to the northern edge of Fredonia near the Crittenden-Caldwell county line.

Though no road in Crittenden County currently meets legal standards for most of today's over-the-road hauling widths, trucks that are 102 inches wide are allowed provisional travel on the existing U.S. 641 so they can deliver to industries in the county. Industries like Siemens and Par 4 Plastics have indicated a new highway is critical to continued job expansion that benefits the region.

The estimated cost of the entire 16-mile U.S. 641 project is about \$109 million – \$39 million for the Crittenden County section and up to \$70 million for the 10-mile section from Fredonia to Eddyville.

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Grand jury to weigh if spitting considered assault

STAFF REPORT

In January, a Crittenden County Grand Jury will have to decide whether spitting on a policeman might constitute assault.

Although grand juries do not determine innocence or guilt, they do determine whether a case continues to be prosecuted as a felony, and on Jan. 16 a dozen local citizens will have to decide whether saliva might be considered a deadly weapon. Nine jurors must agree in order to get an indictment.

It will not be the first time a local grand jury has dealt

with this issue. In 2011, a grand jury here indicted a Marion man on third-degree assault for spitting on an ambulance worker called to help the suspect after he'd been injured in a fight at the Dycusburg Post Office.

Even before that, a former Marion woman, Toni Dawn Tramel, was charged in 2010 in Owensboro for squirting breast milk on a deputy who was booking her into the jail after she was arrested for public intoxication.

The new local case involves Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Ray Agent

and suspect Jason Rushing, 32, of Marion.

District Judge Daniel Heady found probable cause to send the case to the grand jury after about 20-minutes of testimony last Wednesday during a preliminary hearing.

The deputy testified that he'd gone to Rushing's residence on U.S. 60 West on Nov. 25 to serve a warrant for non-payment of fines and an emergency protective order. Agent said he got one cuff on Rushing before the suspect became defiant, according to the deputy's

words. The deputy and suspect went to the ground and struggled for a while before Agent managed to get the other cuff secured. When the deputy was walking Rushing to his police cruiser, Agent said the suspect turned and spit straight at him.

Once the defendant was inside the cruiser, the deputy said Rushing tried to knock out a window by either head butting or kicking it.

Rushing is charged with third-degree assault (against a police officer) and resisting arrest.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson, who is prosecuting the case, said KRS 508.025 is poorly worded. The statute appears to be unclear about whether lawmakers intended to protect policemen from bodily fluids or only jailers.

Rushing's attorney, Public Defender Paul Sysol, argued that the statute is specific. He said if lawmakers had intended to protect officers from victims spraying, squirting or spitting bodily fluids, they could have very easily included them in the law, just as they did jailers and corrections

workers.

The case is of interest, Johnson said, because it's the first time that particular statute has come up in a preliminary hearing where a policeman is the victim of the assault.

Sysol also argued that Rushing should not even face a resisting arrest charge because he did not try to harm the deputy, never swung at him. Sysol said his client may have failed to follow the officer's command to put his hands behind his back, but that does not constitute resisting arrest.

CHS unveils new surgical wing to public

STAFF REPORT

The new surgical wing at Crittenden Health Systems has more than doubled the available space set aside to perform operations at the local hospital, and last Thursday, the public was invited to tour the state-of-the-art addition to the facility.

"It's great," said Clippy Hughes, one of about 100 guests to tour the facility. "This is something the community should be proud of. A hospital is one of the things that holds a community together."

Hughes knows what he is speaking of, too. He was impressed with the new cutting edge surgical center compared to the cramped old suite where he had undergone a minor procedure in the past.

The new surgical suite saw its first operation in June, but only recently was the entire overhaul of the hospital's operating capabilities completed. That included the transformation of the facility's old surgical units into rooms to complement the three new operating rooms and one endoscopy unit. Most of the former surgical suite is now used for pre- and post-operation services.

The operating suite grew from 3,900 square feet to 10,000 square feet with the reconfiguration and addition.



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Terry Durham (right), a certified registered nurse anesthetist with Crittenden Health Systems, shows off one of three operating rooms last Thursday inside the hospital's new surgical wing at an open house for the community. About 100 people toured the facility.

Two of the three new operating rooms are fully-equipped surgical units with the latest in technology. The third operating room will eventually be outfitted with all the equipment necessary for many surgical procedures.

Charlie Hunt, head of the CHS board of directors, said

the suite was built with the future in mind. Hospital officials said the spacious new suite allows for the eventual expansion of services offered by the hospital.

In fact, the number of operations has nearly doubled since the new surgical suite was occupied.

CHS began discussing plans for renovating and expanding its operating suite almost four years ago. It broke ground in December 2010. The final project was completed for just more than \$4 million after several snags during the construction process.

Inmate accused of smuggling cigarettes into jail

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County Detention Center inmate who smuggled cigarettes and drugs into the jail by hiding them in his rectum has been sentenced to a year in prison after pleading guilty last week to a felony and two misdemeanors.

Shawn W. Brasher, 25, of Marion was indicted last Thursday by the Crittenden County Grand Jury on charges of first-degree promoting contraband, a Class D felony; second-degree promoting contraband, a Class A misdemeanor; and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, a Class A misdemeanor.

He appeared before Circuit Judge Rene Williams the

same day as the indictment and pleaded guilty to the offenses. He was sentenced to five years on the felony and 12 months on each of the misdemeanors. All prison time is to run concurrently. He was ordered to serve one year of the total sentence and the remainder will be probated for a period of five years.

Brasher was serving weekends at the county jail on a pair of 2012 convictions for driving on a revoked license and fourth-degree assault. According to court records, he was observed on closed circuit camera inside the jail on Oct. 15 trying to remove a plastic bag from a body cavity. Jailers searched him and found 19 or more

cigarettes and 5.5 Clonazepam tablets.

- The Crittenden County Grand Jury also indicted Lee Ann Vowells, 34, of Evansville, Ind., for felony flagrant non-support. Court records say she is in arrears in excess of \$6,550 on child support payments.

Judge Williams imposed sentences in two other cases last Thursday:

- Rosana M. Menser pleaded guilty to amended charges of unlawful possession of a meth precursor and cultivation of marijuana (5 or more plants), both Class D felonies; and possession of drug paraphernalia by complicity and possession of marijuana by complicity, both misdemeanors. The

commonwealth's attorney recommended a five-year sentence for each felony conviction and 12 months and 45 days for the two misdemeanors, respectively. All time is to run concurrently for a total of five years and the commonwealth does not oppose probation in this case.

- Jason A. Smith, 29, of Eddyville pleaded guilty to an amended charge of third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (Lortab). He originally faced a second-degree felony charge. In return for his guilty plea, Smith got off lighter but will still have to serve 30 days of a 12-month jail sentence. He is to report to jail in early 2014.

CHS salaries take hit as part of cost-cutting

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Health System's new chief executive officer has been on the job only a few weeks, but already he's making some tough decisions.

Greg McNeil said an across-the-board 5-percent pay cut went into effect on Sunday for all hospital employees, including himself. Additionally, the hospital is temporarily suspending its matching share of employees' 401(k) retirement funds.

"This goes to show how serious things are," McNeil said after meeting briefly with Crittenden Fiscal Court Tuesday.

Trimming the hospital's spending has been a priority in his first days, McNeil explained. So far about \$1 million has been cut from the budget through pay and benefits reductions, eliminating a handful of jobs through attrition and cuts, and other cost-cutting measures.

"And we need to cut another \$1 million," McNeil said.

McNeil was hired to fill the CEO vacancy at CHS that was created when Jim Christensen resigned last summer. McNeil came to Marion from Lincoln County Hospital in Kansas, where he had served as its CEO since 2003. He is a Madisonville native.



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Monday morning fire destroys home

A Monday morning fire destroyed a rental home just south of the Frances community on Ky. 70. The house was occupied by Mark Lowe, Melissa Jenkins and three children ages 12, 14 and 18. No one was injured, but the couple did lose their belongings and three pets. The fire was reported shortly after 8 a.m. Lowe and the children were gone at the time the fire started, according to Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department Chief Greg Tabor. Jenkins awoke just in time to get out of the burning house through a bedroom window. By the time firefighters arrived, the home was fully engulfed. The house and all of its contents were a total loss, said Jenkins, who said Tuesday that she is grateful for the prayers and donations to help the couple on their feet. "I made it out with a comforter," she said. "As far as everything else, we have nothing." Tabor said at press time there was no indication of how or where the blaze started. Though he did not know the homeowner's name, Tabor said the owner is from out of town. Volunteers from Caldwell Springs, Crittenden County, Salem and Fredonia fire departments responded to the house fire. The local American Red Cross is providing assistance to the occupants of the home. Jenkins also said anyone wanting to help with monetary donations or contributions of personal hygiene items can contact her mother, Theresa Jenkins, at 969-1960. Items may also be dropped off at Marion Dairy Queen, where Theresa works in the mornings. To make a contribution to the Red Cross to help those affected by such disasters, donations can be sent to Lakeland Area Red Cross, P.O. Box 512, Benton, KY 42025. Be sure to designate the donation for Crittenden County. Geraldine Shouse, head of the local Red Cross, can be reached at 965-3980.



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Mediacom rates set to increase

STAFF REPORT
Around the first of the year, Mediacom will be adjusting rates that will cost most local viewers slightly more money per month. The local broadcast station surcharge will rise 53 cents, while the Digital Plus package will increase by \$2. HBO subscriptions will go up by \$1, and Showtime and Starz will be an additional \$2. In a letter to Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander, Mediacom explained the need for the increases is due to higher rates demanded by programmers for the channels carried by the cable company. Retransmitting local broadcasts has become particularly expensive, the letter claimed.

Community Christmas wraps up

STAFF REPORT
Organizers will wrap up the 39th annual Community Christmas today (Thursday) with distribution day. This year's holiday charity will help brighten the holiday for almost 600 people in Crittenden County. Toys for children and vouchers for teens will be distributed beginning at 9 a.m. today at the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory in Marion. Meantime, distribution of food and food vouchers begins at the same time at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. Volunteers helping with distribution are asked to arrive at their respective locations by 8:30 a.m.

Nancy Hunt, a Community Christmas committee member, anticipated on Tuesday that all the children who signed up this year with the charity will have sponsors for Christmas presents. Their wish lists were made available to the public on Angel Trees at Shopko and Farmers Bank & Trust Co. in Marion. Hunt also reported that as of Tuesday morning, just under \$16,000 had been raised for this year's community Christmas vouchers for food and gifts for teens. Hunt said she is hoping the final total will reach \$17,000, which will approach last year's total. Crittenden County Elementary School third-grade

classes donated \$2,169 to Community Christmas, and there has been great support from area churches as well, said Hunt. Last week, Marion Tourism Commission donated \$514 to Community Christmas from proceeds raised through its annual Big Buck Contest. Since the contest began in 2005, \$6,165 has been collected for Community Christmas through the fundraiser. There are 594 people signed up for Community Christmas this year. That includes 121 families with 217 adults, 248 children and 56 teens. In addition, 71 adults in 49 households without children were registered to receive food and food vouchers.

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Parties of yesteryear were grand in scale



The Marion of yesteryear was a very festive place. Parties and fun gatherings were much anticipated events. By the articles that appeared in the old issues of The Crittenden Press, you can tell much planning and preparation was done to get ready for these elaborately decorated parties.

The homes must have been a beautiful sight with all the live colorful decorations and the ladies and gentlemen in their finest attire. Let's visit some of these holiday parties and see what was going on all those years ago. The first event is from 1897, and what a fun way to spend New Year's Eve.

Jan. 7, 1897 A Cob-Web Party for New Year's Eve

One of the most happy events of the holiday festivities was a party given by Mrs. Robert W. and Mrs. John W. Wilson at the residence of the former, Wednesday evening of last week.

The spacious rooms of the Wilson home were tastily decorated for a cob-web party. Myrtle, evergreens and mistletoe contributed the groundwork of the floral decorations and cunningly woven octagonal frames of delicate wire and thread were draped everywhere.

A tangled skein of thread covered the staircase in the hallway and directly the threads separated, each wending its devious way to some nook or corner of the house, and at the end of each was the name of a young lady. The gentlemen were required to follow these threads to the hiding place of the name and when he had performed this long but amusing task, he had the name of his partner for the evening.

Another amusing feature of the evening was a button-hole contest between the gentlemen. Each was provided with the material and required to work a button-hole in a given time. The "Old Bachelors," it was supposed, would capture the prizes, but Rev. W.H. Miley was awarded the fist premium and his workmanship with the needle was a marvel of beauty and perfection. Mr. O.M. James was unanimously awarded the booby prize; his use of the needle is not as skillful in puncturing the fabric of the loom as is his tongue in pricking gold-bug bubbles. A lunch of delicacies was served.

Jan. 7, 1904

The Ladies Club gave a banquet on the evening of Jan. 7 and invited their husbands. The home of ex-Sen. DeBoe was thrown open to the Club and a cordial welcome given to all.

The amusements of the evening were a "peanut contest" and a "zoo."

An elegant dinner was served at 8:30. The tables were resplendent with silver and cut glass. The cloth and napkins hand embroidered were made in Germany, being a present from the German Ambassador to Mrs. Deboe.

The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Blue, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Yandell, Mr. and Mrs. George Gray, Mr. and

Mrs. Geo Crider, Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Nunn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haynes, Mrs. Joe Walker, Mrs. Orme and Sen. and Mrs. Deboe.

Dec. 19, 1912
Brilliant social function
The holiday festivities were given a delightful introduction last Saturday afternoon when the first of the season's affairs was given by Mrs. Wm. Barnett and her two lovely daughters, Mrs. Jack Thomas and Miss Esther Barnett, who entertained at cards at the beautiful Barnett home on South Main Street.

Mrs. Barnett wore a handsome gown of brown silk charmeuse, Mrs. Thomas wore a blue crepe meteor, and Miss Esther Barnett wore blue silk charmeuse, and they received their guests with a charming hospitality, for which the family is justly so well known.

The interior of the new home was decorated in holly with ropes of smilax and a profusion of red carnations. The color scheme was green and red, and it was carried out in the refreshments, which were furnished by an Evansville caterer.

Among those who graced the occasion with their presence were Mesdames C.S. Nunn, J.S. Henry, S. Gugenheim, J.I. Clement, C.P. Browning of Rosiclare, Ill., and Misses Della Barnes, Martha Henry, Kitty and Ellis Gray, Ruby James and Eva Clement.

The Grand Ball at the Opera House. They dined and danced all night.

Cards announcing the "First Annual Christmas Ball" welcomed visitors at the home of all those who enjoy tripping the light fantastic and invited the recipient and friend to the opera house on Christmas night.

One hundred invitations were issued and a splendid band from Smithland engaged, and the occasion was swell in the extreme.

The opera house was decorated beautifully and tastefully. At midnight, the gay dancers repaired to the New Marion Hotel, where a feast fit for the God's had been prepared by the host Baird and his assistants.

After the courses were served, the dance was resumed and continued until the wee small hours when carriages were called and whirled the guests to their various homes just as the streaks of dawn were appearing in the east.

January 1912 Masquerade Party

Miss Madaline Jenkins entertained the young people with a masquerade party, at her home, the other evening from 8 until 11 o'clock. It was very much enjoyed by the participants and spectators as well. Those who took part and the characters represented where as follows: Miss Katherine Yandell, an Indian Girl, and so well did she portray the character that the prize was awarded to her for the best representation.

Miss Frances Blue, a Japanese maiden from Flowery Kingdom; Mable Yandell, a Catholic nun; Myra Dixon, a Puritan maid; Nannie Rochester, a Dutch girl; Susie Boston, the Queen of Hearts; Maude Flanary, the Winter Girl; Madeline Jenkins, Miss Bo-Peep; Douglas Clement, a colored dude; Emmett Rodgers, a Spanish senorita; Mr. Wilkey, a young lady of the period; Herbet Rodgers, a circus clown; Maurie Nunn, a



The Wm. Barnett home (top photo), on South Main Street was newly built in the year 1912. Their lovely new home was the site for some festive card games and refreshments. Above is Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Moore's home on Wilson Ave. (now East Depot St.). It was the holiday setting for an entertaining, educational and exciting luncheon.

farmer; Robert Jenkins, a bridegroom; and Mrs. M.M. Wilson, the Old Maid of Leap Year.

Mrs. R.L. Moore entertained the "As You Like It Club" and a few others at her home on Wilson Avenue. She was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. Frank Dodge and Mrs. S.M. Jenkins. Mrs. A H. Cardin of View, presided at the punch bowl.

A literary contest was engaged in each person being expected to draw something to represent a book.

The guests were mated for the luncheon by slips containing the names of poets with the companionship, which contained the name of some of his works, and these were distributed by little Miss Robbie Moore.

The beautiful interior of the residence was made more attractive by the decorations which were of fresh evergreens and poinsettias for the holidays.

A lobster cactus was

placed in the center of the table. The repast was served in courses consisting of lemon and orange sherbet, cakes, fruits, coffee and almond macaroons and lettuce leaves which contained conundrums, which were much enjoyed.

Need a last minute history Christmas present? I have some new Forgotten Passages, Volume IV Books. They contain articles from 2011 and 2012, plus other pictures and local items of interest that have happened in our community during these years. The books are soft back only and are \$27 plus \$4 shipping and handling. Brenda Underdown, 139 Oak Hill Drive, Marion, KY 42064, 270-965-2082.

(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)

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Christmas not celebrated by all

Why do so many people hate Christmas? Because they hate Christ.

Many celebrated Jesus' birth in a sinful way. Some eat the wrong foods and too much, but no one demands they stop eating, at least not yet.

There are some who profess Christ whom Satan has deceived. They condemn everyone who celebrates Christmas, saying no one knows the exact date of His birth and that it all started as a pagan holiday.

When that teaching started in 1880, little did they know they would end up on the side of the atheists 100 years later.

Eventually, that is where all false doctrine really begins and will sooner or later be exposed.

Christmas has nothing to do with a Santa of the North Pole coming down chimneys, and I condemn that lie.

The word St. Nick was from a man named Nicklaus who was dubbed as a saint by his religion. At Christmastime he took gifts to the poor for years, which everyone should do and not just at Christmas.

The pagan story of Saint Nicklaus being Santa Claus and all the lies attached to a Santa Christmas was orchestrated by Satan to blaspheme Jesus and cause many good people to turn from it all together.

Thinking people should ask the question, if it is so evil to celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas, then why are the atheists fighting day and night to get the very word out of our culture?

Why do so many schools, which lay no claim to Christian culture and life, demand the children not even



call the name of Christ on the school grounds, sing any Christmas carols or give any Christmas gifts even to the poor in the schools?

There is no outcry about the truly pagan holiday of Halloween and all of its idiotic charades. And why? Because it truly is Satan's celebration, and schools are encouraged to celebrate it.

Satan's followers have tried for many years to so tarnish Christmas so as to destroy it. Since that has not worked, he sends his minions out to completely eradicate it from our culture all together.

The celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter suffers the same evil. Not only are lies put out about the Easter Bunny laying eggs, but Satan's workers also demand Easter be snuffed out of our culture.

Satan knows had Jesus never been resurrected none of us could ever be saved, or resurrected. "He was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification (forgiveness)," reads Romans 4:25.

Satan's minions try to intimidate any business that says "Merry Christmas," threatening to cause all kinds of harm. A government permits them to get by with it and stands behind the schools that threat children who do not toe the line

of the atheists' demands.

The only way they will win is if more people do not stand against Satan's workers. Many more must truly turn to Jesus and forsake sin, so God will come to our rescue and stop the advancement of Satan into all our Christian lives.

As Paul told us in Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

That darkness of this world is seen more and more in the spiritual wickedness in high places in too many of our elected officials, in too many of our church leaders who support sin or do not cry out against it as Jesus did and in too many parents who fail God, themselves and their children who one day will stand before an angry God.

Now all those faint hearted teachers who tell you God has no anger, only love and is very permissive, let them go to the only authority on the subject. That is His Word He has ordained. They can look and see how many times it tells us of His anger toward His creation, the human race.

Just one example in Psalms 7:11 should suffice, "...God is angry with the wicked every day."

Some of my most precious memories of growing up was the attempts by our families to save to make Christ's birthday a little more memorable. That was through a few pieces of candy we rarely saw, fruit, a roman candle, a few sparklers, extra food on the table and an excitement that

would get us out of bed one day a year without a lot of cajoling or threatening.

The next blessing was between Christmas and New Year's. While out of school, I would get to go to Grandma Underdown's, and she would let me kneel at an old cane bottomed chair and eat a few pieces of orange slices and chocolate drops. I would slowly, very slowly make them last as long as possible as she would tell me the story of the wise men, the big star in the East – which I'd run outside to see if I could find – about the angels singing to the wise men on the Judean Hills and Jesus being born in a barn.

How I praise God no one, but no one can take away our precious memories of the saints in our families telling us the wonderful stories of the Bible and making them so vivid with their meager but wonderful blessings, especially at Christmas and Easter.

May God help more of us to bring back those kind of precious memories of Jesus' birth and His life instead of a cluttered living room with worthless toys that will soon be in the trash or Goodwill bins.

May God give all of you a blessed time, and most of all, a truly Christian Christmas with praising God for that wonderful Savior that was born in a barn so we could one day live in a mansion. I also wish you all a much better life here while on our way there.

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

Christians should be grounded in love

By FELTY YODER
GUEST COLUMNIST

I want to greet all of you this Christmas season in the name of Jesus.

For we know that God so loved the world that He gave his only Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. God gave us His Son so that in Him we may have life, hope and a future. We have a prophesy in Isaiah 40:11 that describes the love and compassion Jesus has for us: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."

In the Holy scriptures, we are quite often referred to as lambs or as children. For God wants us to be as little children, in trusting, relying and depending on Him. We must come to Him humbly as little children – sincere, honest and open. We must lean on Him and ask Him for His help, or we will never walk in obedience.

That is how the Lamb of God walked in total union with the Father. Now He invites us to follow him.

All who believe in Jesus have good reason to rejoice this Christmas season, not only for the wondrous love God gave to mankind; but also for the grace, mercy, peace hope and all the other blessings and promises that come with such incomprehensible love. Those who do not believe in Jesus can only rejoice in "they know not what."

The greatest commandment is love. "The one who does not love, does not know God, for God is love," reads 1 John 4:8.

Jesus comes with perfect love. And when God's people come into these immeasurable depths and heights of God's love there is no limit to the mighty workings of God in them. Here is a dimension of love that is built into His people by the workings of His grace. It is a quality of love that becomes a vital part of those who grow up into Him, in all things.

This kind of love is the fruit of God's love that grows from the Tree of Life into which we are grafted, and not just the blessing of love that we experience in times of special devotion.

Those that come to "perfect love," come into abiding union with the Lord Jesus, and, therefore, they live and move in the humility and grace of Jesus. It is the same love that was in Jesus, and is now in them, even as He prayed in John 17:26, "that the love where with thou hast loved me may be in them."

I know we are speaking of a very high calling. But the word really means an "upward calling." We may think it is too high for us. But if we know it is an upward calling, then we follow our Lord one step at a time, and He will lead us there. God's desire is to bring us to the unsearchable riches of Christ. In the realm of the love of God, there is power to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we ask or think.

At times, we may feel we are getting a little too far out, and perhaps, Paul may have thought so himself when he wrote about these things. For, indeed, it is far out in the oceans of His love. But He would take us there, if we will remain rooted and grounded in love. So let us hear it again

from Ephesians 3:18-19, "That you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that you might be filled with the fullness of God."

Let us lay hold of this kind of love, or should we say, this quality of love, and move forward into this mighty ocean of God. Let us not look at it as something unattainable and shrink back in unbelief, negating our high calling in Christ Jesus. And let us not apply it to some future dispensation. For God wants us to know that this is for us here and now.

Ephesians 3:20-21 reads, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

(Felty Yoder is a resident of the Salem community and has lived with his family in the area for two decades.)

Church notes

■ Deer Creek Baptist Church's annual live Nativity, "Meet us at the Manger," will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Donations of non-perishable food items are welcomed and will be given to local food banks. For more information, call the church at 965-2220.

■ A Christian's Christmas

Carol, the drama based on Charles Dickens' classic story will be presented at Faith Church at 7 p.m., on Friday. The church is located at 1845 US 60 East, three miles between Salem and Burna. Free Admission. Tea afterwards. For information visit www.FaithChurch-Salem.com.

■ Bro. Howard Jones will minister at 11 a.m., Sunday at Miracle Word Church in Salem. Christmas dinner will follow the service. The New

Year's Eve service will begin at 10 p.m., Dec 31. Refreshments will be served. Pastor James and Leda Gingrich invite everyone to attend.

■ Crooked Creek Baptist Church will present evangelist Vic Hill and Beneath the Trees Ministries Christmas program of song and inspiration at 11 a.m., Sunday. The church is located at mile 1.2 on Fords Ferry Road.

■ Marion United Methodist Church will be open for communion 5-7 p.m., Christmas

Eve. The church is located at the corner of East Carlisle and South College streets.

■ The West Ky Association of General Baptist will have a New Year's Eve Watch Night service at 7 p.m., at the West Kentucky Association Tabernacle at Camp David. A meal will be served during intermission. The Ridge Runners from Trigg County will be the featured singers. The service will run through midnight. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Take time to cope with stress during the holidays

The hustle and bustle of the holidays can lead to stress. Not all stress is bad, but too much of it can lead to digestive problems, high blood pressure and even a weaker immune system. UK Health-Care has information about handling stress, including coping techniques and tips on meditation and relaxation.

The effects of stress build up over time. Taking practical steps to maintain your health and outlook can reduce or prevent these effects. Try the following tips to help you cope:

Try positive self-talk –



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turning negative thoughts into positive ones. For example, rather than thinking “I can’t do this,” say “I’ll do the best I can.”

Take 15 to 20 minutes a day to sit quietly, relax, breathe deeply and think of a peaceful situation.

Engage in physical activity regularly. Do what you enjoy — walk, swim, ride a

bike or do yoga. Letting go of the tension in your body will help you feel a lot better. Try to do at least one thing every day that you enjoy, even if you only do it for 15 minutes.

It’s important to learn how stress affects you, how to deal with it and what you can do to ease your stress. What is stressful to one person may not be to another. Stress can come from happy events (a new marriage, job promotion or a new home) as well as unhappy events (illness, overwork or family problems).

Here are some positive healthy habits that might

help you lead a more relaxed life:

- Think ahead about what may upset you and things you can avoid. For example, spend less time with people who bother you or avoid driving in rush-hour traffic.
- Learn to say “no.” Don’t promise too much.
- Give up the bad habits. Too much alcohol, cigarettes or caffeine can increase stress. If you smoke, make the decision to quit now.
- Slow down. Try to “pace” not “race.” Plan ahead and allow enough time to get the most impor-

tant things done.

- Get enough sleep. Try to get 6 to 8 hours of sleep each night.
- Get organized. Use “To-Do” lists to help you focus on your most important tasks. Approach big tasks one step at a time.

There are other tips to manage stress.

- Seek help from a qualified mental health care provider if you are overwhelmed, feel you cannot cope, have suicidal thoughts or are using drugs or alcohol to cope.
- Get proper health care for existing or new health problems.

- Stay in touch with people who can provide emotional and other support. Ask for help from friends, family, and community or religious organizations to reduce stress due to work burdens or family issues, such as caring for a loved one.
- Explore stress coping programs, which may incorporate meditation, yoga, tai chi, or other gentle exercises.

Information courtesy of the American Heart Association, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health and FamilyDoctor.org.



50th Anniversary

Harry and Evelyn Fuller celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an Alaskan cruise in July.

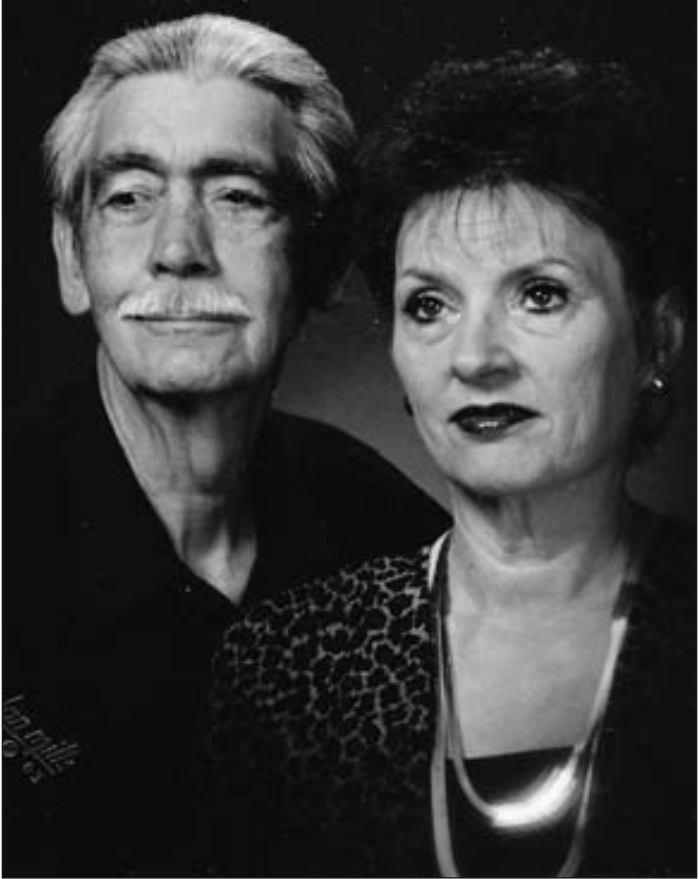
Fuller and the former Evelyn Drury were married Nov. 23, 1963, by the Rev. Robert Thompson at his home in Marion. Their attendants were Roberta Drury Shewmaker and Bill Fuller.

Mrs. Fuller is the daughter of the late Orval and

Ruth Drury. She is a retired teacher from the Marshall County School system.

Mr. Fuller is the son of the late Harry and Lena Fuller. He is retired from B.F. Goodrich/Westlake in Calvert City.

The couple have two daughters, Robbie Riley of Union, Ky, and Jill Munson of Nicholasville. They have six grandchildren.



50th Anniversary

Jerry and Peggy Ritch of Marion celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 9. Ritch and the former Peggy Campbell were married Nov. 9, 1963, at the First Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Ill., the oldest registered church in Illinois

which is still active.

The couple are the parents of three daughters: Angie Sloan of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., Kim Ritch of Calif., and the late Christa Ritch.

Grandchildren include Azia and Brayton Hurley of Tennessee.



Choi-Campbell

Young-il Choi and Eun-hea Kim of Seoul, South Korea announce the engagement of Myunghwa Choi to Joseph Daniel Campbell, son of Scott and Linda Campbell of Rineyville, Ky, formerly of Marion.

Ms. Choi is a graduate of Sogang University with a bachelor’s degree in American Studies and Business. She is currently enrolled as a graduate student at Sogang University.

Mr. Campbell is a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force stationed in South Korea. He graduated from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center as a Korean Linguist in 2008. In 2013 he graduated from the Korean Language Institute at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea.

The wedding is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Feb. 8, 2014, in La Luce, Seoul, South Korea.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested.

Every day, the center at 210 North Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and use of the exercise equipment. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

This week’s activities and menu include:

- Today: Pastor Tara Sisco will speak at 10:30 a.m. Menu is lasagna casserole with vegetables, broccoli, wheat garlic bread and Jell-O cake.
- Friday: Birthday bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered spinach, baby carrots, baked apples and cornbread. Birthday cake will be served in honor of December birthdays.
- Monday: The center’s Christmas party will begin at 11:30 a.m. Menu is roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy,

green beans, pumpkin mousse and cranberry gelatin.

- Tuesday: Brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. Menu is sausage and egg on a biscuit, hashbrown oval and orange juice.
- Wednesday: The center will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- Next Thursday: The center will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- Dec. 27: The center will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- Dec. 30: The monthly drawing for a gift card will be held. Menu is beef stew, corn, coleslaw, cornbread and pineapple delight.
- Dec. 31: The center will be closed in observance of the New Year’s holiday.
- Jan. 1: The center will be closed in observance of the New Year’s holiday.
- Jan. 2: Menu is franks and kraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread and fruit cobbler.

Community CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 3

- A seminar entitled “What women should know about finances,” will begin at 10 a.m., at the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Office. Call 965-5236 to pre-register.

Thursday, Jan. 9

- The CCMS SBDM Council will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the school library.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

- The Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m., at the CCHS library.

On-going

- All veterans are invited for coffee and breakfast at 7:30 a.m., each Tuesday at the VFW building in Marion.

- The Crittenden County Public Library hosts Lego Club at 3:30 p.m., each Tuesday when school is in session.
- The indoor flea market held at the Salem Baptist Church Christian Life Center will be closed until spring.
- Basic sewing and quilting classes are held from 5 to 6:45 p.m., each Wednesday night at Ambassadors for Christ Church in Marion, located on Church Street. Classes are open to all women wanting to learn to sew and include girls age seven to 13. For more information contact the church at 965-9388 or the PACS office at 965-4763.



Abigail Renee Munson

Jill and Brad Munson of Nicholasville, KY announce the birth of Abigail Renee Munson on November 11, 2013. Abby was born at St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington, KY and weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Grandparents are Harry and Evelyn Fuller of Marion and Larry and Linda Munson of Louisville. Great-grandparents are the late Orval and Ruth Drury, Harry and Lena Fuller, Shelby and Hazel Vaughn and Charles and June Munson. To welcome baby Abby are her sisters, Katie, Elizabeth and Caroline.



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Callaway trains at educators' workshop on Parris Island

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

As principal of Crittenden County High School, Rhonda Callaway is accustomed to attending many educators' workshops. However, none were quite as intense as the one she attended Dec. 3-8 at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, S.C. Callaway joined nearly 50 other educators, including fellow principals, teachers and superintendents who also attended the workshop. The purpose was to put them through a version of what Marine recruits go through upon arrival.

"They tried to do with us in three days what they would do with them [the recruits] in 13 weeks," Callaway said, citing the goal was for educators to better experience and understand the feeling of transformation from civilian to recruit to Marine.

Callaway's journey to Parris Island began last September, when a marine recruiter approached her about participating in the workshop. He wanted to make sure western Kentucky was represented with educators. She applied in September for the all-expense paid trip to the workshop. But Callaway didn't just merely observe. She actively participated in training exercises that included being assigned a drill instructor, walking in formation, shooting artillery and rappelling 47 feet down a wooden wall.

"In 20 years of education, it has been a highlight of my



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Crittenden County High School principal Rhonda Callaway gets hands-on experience after receiving training and instruction on artillery. At right, Callaway is shown rappelling down a 47-foot wall at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, S.C.

career, as far as continuing education. It was very intense.

"For our purpose, even when we were exhausted from having to do something 10 times because we weren't doing it right—and we were going to get it right or that drill instructor wasn't going to stop yelling—we knew it was not going to last. It was going to be over," she said. "My takeaway would definitely be the commitment and discipline that you have to have as a person to do that. It's not for everybody. They told us they wanted us to send our best. They don't want just everybody, because they won't make it."

Each day started early and was structured for the participants to get a true sense of what recruits go

through each day, from eating in the chow hall to being barked at for not being in the correct formation.

"Sometimes you had to stop and start over because someone wasn't in line right. The day was very structured and very instructional. That was another thing—the time they took with us knowing how busy they are, there was true teaching so we would have not just knowledge but experience," Callaway said. "For example, we knew we were going to shoot the M16s—I hit nine out of 10 at 100 meters—but we were in the simulator first. That's exactly what they do with the recruits. You get instruction and have to progress at the simulator before you are allowed out on the artillery range."



That instruction also extended to making a harness to scale down a nearly 50-foot wall.

"They said if you don't think you can do it, don't go up there because there is only one way down. When you get up there, you've got to lean back over that wall and trust the person right there and the person at the bottom with the rope," she said. "I did ask, 'Can I climb back down the ladder?' They replied, 'Nope. There's only one way down.'"

Callaway said no one attempted to do anything they thought they couldn't do. She called the experience intense but manageable. While they were allowed to take photos, they were told some areas were off limits, like the cockpit of an F18. Callaway was able to snap a few photos of recruits train-

ing at The Crucible.

"At the end, one of the last things a recruit does, if they make it that far, is to go through 54 hours of The Crucible, which is a lot of teamwork, problem solving and getting from point A to point B when you've got land mines under you. It's very physical. They put them through sleep deprivation in order to make sure they can make decisions. We got to watch some of that. It was just amazing," she said.

Calling it the most honorable thing she ever witnessed, Callaway attended the graduation ceremony on the last day she was there. The ceremony included 600 graduates, complete with the Marine Corp band. She was told they graduate 600 almost every Friday. She witnessed two platoons of

females and four platoons of males graduate.

Having participated in the workshop, Callaway feels better informed to talk with students who are considering a career in the military. She also believes in the importance of students building a good relationship with recruiters and stressed they can talk with students about what they will experience. She also plans on sharing her experience with the high school's military history class and students taking aviation courses.

"They said that one of the things they want us to take away from the experience was that all branches of service offer the same educational and career opportunities. But the training for combat of Marines is more extensive, because they are the first ones in," she said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Five generations celebrate holiday

This maternal five generation family celebrated a thankful Thanksgiving holiday together. Pictured (from left) are Laiken Chambliss and son Rhett Darnell, Jennifer Asher Wright (grandmother), Regina Young Asher (great-grandmother) and Betty June Linzy Young (great-great grandmother).

Nasseri inducted into honor society

STAFF REPORT

Marion resident Katlyn Nasseri was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Nasseri was initiated at the University of Kentucky and is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination

and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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Local students graduate from Mid-Continent University

STAFF REPORT

On Dec. 7, more than 440 degrees were conferred to graduates of Mid-Continent University in Mayfield. The December 2013 graduating class represented a diverse group, including a record number of more than 420 Advantage students and a number of traditional students earning degrees from the James W. Cecil Baptist College of the Bible and The Baptist College of Arts and

Sciences.

The following area students received degrees from MCU:

Marion: Miranda Rochelle Guess, bachelor of science; Lonna Re' Starnes, bachelor of science; and Christopher Nelson, Cum Laude, associated of science.

Fredonia: J. Todd Phelps, bachelor of science; Faith Rustin, Magna Cum Laude, bachelor of science; Jerri Lynn Slaughter, bachelor of

science; and Tanner Brent Kilgore, associate of science.

Sturgis: Michael S. Wilcox, bachelor of science.

Smithland: Phillip W. Thomason, Cum Laude, associated of science.

Grand Rivers: Alison Kathryn Jones, bachelor of science; and Heather Renea Meeks, associate of science.

Ledbetter: Mary Katherine Thomasson, bachelor of science.



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Challengers celebrate Christmas

The Challengers Homemakers Club members and guests enjoyed a lunch at the Marion Cafe for their Christmas outing. December projects for the Challenger Club included decorating a Christmas tree at the Welcome Center and donating to Community Christmas. Pictured (front row) are Elaine Shinall, Joanne Winn, Janet Stevens, Roberta Shewmaker and Susan Crase; (back row) Nancy Hunt, Nora Metheny, Nancy Lanham, Sarah Ford, Micki Crider, Norma Hunt and Carolyn Cannon.



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Holiday closings

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- Closed New Year's Day.

State offices

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- Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Marion City Hall

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- Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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- Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Crittenden Circuit Clerk

- Closed Christmas Eve through Dec. 28.
- Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Crittenden County Clerk

- Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Crittenden County PVA

- Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Crittenden County Sheriff

- Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Crittenden County Public Library

- Closed Christmas Eve through Dec. 26.
- Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center

- Closed Christmas Day through Dec. 27.
- Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

UK Cooperative Extension Service

- Closed Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.

Post offices

- All area post offices will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Also, many will be closing early on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

CCHS multimedia students document propane bus story

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School's advanced multimedia students got the opportunity to create a video package that told the story of Crittenden County's quest to become the first school district in Kentucky to operate a propane bus in their fleet. The students interviewed Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, school board members and lead bus mechanic Wayne Winters to gain information on how the Kentucky Department of Education green-lighted the propane bus pilot program. It also describes how propane buses burn cleaner than diesel fuel.

Multi-media instructor Amy Hardin said the video represents students from every school in the district, with elementary school students lending their voices to a revised version of "Wheels on the Bus." Middle school students are also seen boarding the propane bus.

Students began working



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Crittenden County High School advanced multi-media students are (front row, from left) Ashley Cooper, Anna Schnittker, Amber Wright, (second row) Dustin Perry, Magan Sunderland, Lindsay Sizemore, (third row) Micah Hollamon, Aaron Owen, (back row) Adam Watson, Maggie Collins and Cody Hayes.

on the project at the end of October and fined-tuned the videos last week.

Hardin said the students created two videos. A shorter one is meant to grab the audience's attention to learn

about the pilot program. The longer video is more informational about the program.

Hardin said the video will eventually appear on the district's website and on YouTube.

Renovations at CCES not quite yet complete

STAFF REPORT

Although construction and remodeling is almost complete in the interior of the Crittenden County Elementary School, it will take a few more weeks before the new front entrance can be accessed.

At the Dec. 10 Crittenden County Board of Education meeting, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said awning work needs to be completed on the building's exterior and that will keep the new front entrance from being used possibly through January. Meantime, the current main entrance on the southwest part of the building will still be used as the primary entrance at the beginning of next semester.

Administrative offices will also remain on that side of the building. Dr. Yarbrough said some rooms in the remodeled areas not associated with the front entrance may be accessible after Christmas break.

School district moving ahead with addition of propane buses

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Board of Education is in the process of purchasing two additional propane buses and officials hope to have them on site by the middle of next year.

At the Dec. 10 board meeting, Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said the school district did not receive funding through a Kentucky Clean Diesel grant to purchase propane-powered buses to add to the fleet. Dr. Yarbrough told board members that rarely does the same organization receive funding for the grant each year. Competition for the grants is high, as both school districts and commercial industries can apply for clean diesel grants.

Previously, the school district was awarded a clean diesel grant which helped offset the cost of the school district's first propane bus purchased in February. Crittenden County is the only

school district in the state allowed by the Kentucky Department of Education to pilot propane buses for use on a daily route.

Had the additional grant been approved, the district would have considered purchasing three propane buses to add to its fleet. Without the grant, the district will purchase two buses through Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) funding.

KISTA is a not-for-profit association of Kentucky school districts that was formed to provide school districts a finance tool for purchasing buses. Instead of paying the total cost up front, payments are set up on a multi-year schedule.

The two propane buses will replace older diesel models in the district's fleet. Propane buses are more fuel-efficient than their diesel counterparts and are projected to save the school district thousands of dollars over the course of their use.

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BASKETBALL

Upcoming prep games

Crittenden County Schedule

Friday

Livingston at Rocket Arena for varsity doubleheader

Tuesday Dec. 31 (makeup game)

Rockets host Trigg County, 6 p.m.

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS

LADY ROCKETS IN FLORIDA

ESPN World Wide Sports Complex

Orlando, Fla., Dec. 27-30

Friday, Dec. 27

Lady Rockets JV vs. Olentangy (OH), 9 a.m.

Lady Rockets varsity vs. Mount Dora Bible (FL), 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28

Lady Rockets JV vs. Seneca Valley (PA), 9 a.m.

Lady Rockets varsity vs. Jackson Christian (TN) or St. Joe's Academy (FL), TBA

Monday, Dec. 30

Lady Rockets varsity vs. TBA

ROCKETS AT McLEAN COUNTY

Holiday Tournament

Calhoun, Ky., Dec. 26-28

Thursday, Dec. 26

Rockets vs. Allen County, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 27

Rockets vs. Hopkins Central or McLean County. Winner's bracket 7 p.m., Loser's bracket 1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28

Consolation and Championship

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Crittenden Middle School

Games and Scoring Summaries

BOYS

7th Grade Tournament

Crittenden 37, Trigg County 13

CCMS Scoring: Hunter Boone 13, Gavin Dickerson 9, Sawyer Towery 10, Paxton Riley 4, Blake Curnel 1.

7th Grade Boys' Tournament

Caldwell 47, Crittenden 7

CCMS Scoring: Boone 3, Towery 2, Riley 1, Gipson 1.

GIRLS

8th Grade Lyon 33, Crittenden 28

CCMS Scoring: Mauri Collins 7, Chaylee Wolf 2, Madison O'Dell 4, Madison Champion 15.

8th Grade Caldwell 28, Crittenden 23

CCMS Scoring: Collins 6, Wolf 2, Champion 9, Summers 6.

7th Grade Caldwell 29, Crittenden 5

CCMS Scoring: Book 3, Kenlee Perryman 2.

7th Grade Lyon 22, Crittenden 12

CCMS Scoring: Shelby Summers 8, Brandy Book 2, Nahla Callaway 2.

7th Grade Girls' Tournament

7th Grade Crittenden 29, Livingston 8

CCMS Scoring: Perryman 4, Summers 10, Book 5, El.Smith 4, Callaway 4, Em.Smith 2.

7th Grade Crittenden 15, Lyon 12

CCMS Scoring: Perryman 4, Summers 3, Book 3, Callaway 5.

7th Grade Caldwell 30, Crittenden 24

CCMS Scoring: Perryman 10, Summers 7, Book 2, Callaway 4, Em.Smith 1.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Archery Deer Sept. 7 - Jan. 20

Archery Turkey Sept. 7 - Jan. 20

Raccoon Oct. 1 - Feb. 28

Crossbow Deer Nov. 9 - Dec. 31

Squirrel Nov. 11 - Feb. 28

Rabbit, Quail Nov. 11 - Jan. 31

Trapping Nov. 11 - Feb. 28

Bobcat Nov. 23 - Feb. 28

Duck Nov. 28 - Jan. 26

West Goose Zone Nov. 28 - Jan. 31

Pennyrile Goose Nov. 28 - Jan. 31

Muzzleloader Deer Dec. 14-22

Free Youth Deer Dec. 28-29

Dove Dec. 28 - Jan. 3

Crow Jan. 4 - Feb. 28

Groundhog Year Round

Coyote Year Round

Sunday ends blackpowder

Sunday will the last day for muzzleloader hunting. Hunters will have one more chance to harvest deer with firearms. That will be the free youth weekend on Dec. 28-29. The new Big Rivers WMA will also be open to youth hunters during that weekend.

UMPIRING

Softball officials wanted

Anyone interested in umpiring softball in Region 2 may contact Del Brantley at (270) 836-0649 or attend the meeting at 2 p.m., Jan. 5 at Broadway Elementary in Providence.

Baseball umps wanted

The Pennyrile Umpires Association is looking for umpires to work high school baseball games this spring. If you are interested in umpiring, contact Matt Bell at 270-871-6956 or email him at matt.bell@webster.kyschools.us.



Crittenden County center Devin Belt (30) applies some strong post defense against Caldwell County during last week's matchup at Rocket Arena. Belt, who hasn't played basketball in a few years, is off to a good start. He scored a team-high 14 points against Lyon County.

New Year's showdown brewing; Rockets need to get LCHS first

STAFF REPORT

It could be a New Year's to remember.

The Rockets and one their favorite sons could end up battling it out on New Year's Eve for command of the Fifth District at the midway point of the league's regular-season round-robin.

First, however, Crittenden County (2-3, 1-0 district) must grab a share of the catbird seat in the district race with a win Friday night over Livingston Central at Rocket Arena.

The Cardinals haven't won in Marion since 2011 and fell in three straight games to the Rockets last year. Livingston lost its first three games this season under second-year coach Kyle Yates. Included in those setbacks was a 75-63 loss at the hands of district foe Trigg County. Graves County and St. Mary also have wins over the Cardinals.

Back for Livingston is last year's leading scorer Austin Woodward, plus most of the team's other scoring. Three more starters return from last year's 5-24 club – guard Austin Wright and forwards

Colton Ramage and Jordan Miller.

A Rocket win over Livingston Friday would pit Crittenden against a legitimate blue-blood – Payton Croft and his currently 5-0 Trigg County Wildcats, who will for sure be undefeated in league play when they arrive her Dec. 31. Each team could come into the matchup on the last day of the year with 2-0 marks in the Fifth District. Croft, the first-year coach at Trigg, has strong ties to Crittenden where he played and his father, Jimmy, also played and coached for many years. Trigg beat Lyon 74-57 Tuesday.

Crittenden won its first district game of the season last week at Lyon County, beating the Lyons for the first time in 15 tries. The Rockets had not beaten the Lyons since Jan. 8, 2008 when Rob Towery was Crittenden's head coach.

Crittenden and Trigg were supposed to open the season a couple of weeks ago, but got snowed out. Now, their makeup is on New Year's Eve at 6 p.m. There will be a JV game starting at 4 p.m.

First win eludes Lady Rockets

STAFF REPORT

Coach Shannon Hodge's Lady Rockets (0-5) are still searching for that first victory of the season with Livingston Central's girls coming to Marion Friday for a key Fifth showdown.

Livingston has already knocked off district foe Trigg County and the Lady Rockets have one league loss to Lyon County. Crittenden can ill afford to lose another district game and stay in contention for the league crown.

The Lady Cardinals are 2-2

(prior to Tuesday's game) after wins against Dawson Springs and Trigg. They have lost to Graves and St. Mary.

Livingston has a tall frontline and will likely deploy a zone defense against the Lady Rockets. So far, Crittenden's shooting has been sporadic as the club relies on junior Chelsea Oliver and freshman Cassidy Moss to gather most of the points. Forward Khyla Moss scored a career-high 16 points against UHA Saturday night. More points

from inside would be a blessing for the team as it continues to find its offensive rhythm.

Against Lyon, Crittenden was victimized by a 20-1 Lady Lyon run to close the first half. Otherwise, it was a close game.

In other outings, the Lady Rockets had trouble handling undefeated teams, University Heights and Union County, but was close at Hopkinsville. Crittenden trailed by three at the half before losing to the previously winless Lady Tigers.



University Heights' Meg Starling towers over Lady Rocket forward Kiana Nesbitt. Starling is 6-foot-5 and Nesbitt is 5-foot-9. Starling got into early foul trouble and didn't play the second period. She finished with just two points, but had several blocked shots. Starling is headed to Ball State on a volleyball scholarship.

GAME SUMMARIES

BOYS

Crittenden County 73, Dawson Springs 18

CRITTENDEN – Owen 4, Gilbert 18, Young 4, Belt 14, D.Watson 3, C.Watson 4, Hicks 4, Champion 6, Dickerson, Hafield 2, Tinsley 3, Driver 6, Myers 2, Faith 3. FT 3-12. 3-pointers 2 (Faith, Gilbert).

DAWSON SPRINGS – Walker 4, Simpson 5, Jones, Dyer 5, Adams 4, Hart, Putman. FT 7-8. 3-pointers 1 (Walker).

Union County 45, Crittenden County 34

CRITTENDEN – Owen 4, Gilbert, Young 9, Belt 13, D.Watson 4, C.Watson, Hicks, Champion 2, Dickerson, Tinsley 2. FT 6-11. 3-pointers 2 (Belt, Young).

UNION – Fleming 13, Anglin 2, Floyd 3, Foster 6, Chaykowsky 18, Moshier 3. FT 5-19. 3-pointers 1 (Foster).

Webster County 70, Crittenden County 52

CRITTENDEN – Owen 18, Gilbert 2, Young 2, D.Watson 3, Belt 6, Champion 2, Dickerson 2, Hicks 2, Tinsley 3, C.Watson 12. FT 9-17. 3-pointers 7 (Owen 5, Watson 2).

WEBSTER – Brumfield 2, Hazelwood 2, Pugh 4, Shoulders 12, Newton 8, Roland 22, McMain 10, Garrett, House 3, Stubblefield 4, Fritz 2, Durance 1. FT 11-18. 3-pointers 3 (Newton 2, Stubblefield 1).

DISTRICT GAME

Crittenden County 59, Lyon County 53

CRITTENDEN 18 26 43 59

LYON Co. 12 24 37 53

LYON – Ray 2, Martin 11, White 12, Je.Wilkerson 10, Jo.Wilkerson 2, Gilbert 2, Polston 14.

CRITTENDEN – Owen 6, Gilbert 2, Young 11, D.Watson 2, Belt 14, Hicks 7, Dickerson 3, Champion 3, C.Watson 7, Tinsley 4.

Caldwell 65, Crittenden 44

CALDWELL – Oliver 5, Seymore 7, Sindelar 12, Anderson, Young 6, Boyd 4, McCarty 4, Martin 6, Pepper 9, Hopson 9, Cain 10, Dyer 2. Rebounds 32 (Sindelar 6).

CRITTENDEN – Owen 15, Young 3, Dickerson, Hicks, Gilbert 6, Champion 3, Tinsley, C.Watson 5, Driver, D.Watson 4, Belt 6. Rebounds 35 (D.Watson 7, Belt 7). Halftime: Caldwell 39, Crittenden 21.

GIRLS

Hopkinsville 66, Crittenden County 51

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 5, C.Moss 8, Oliver 22, Collins 7, Nesbitt 4, K.Moss 5, Pierce, Lynch, Evans. FT 17-27. 3-pointers 2 (C.Moss, Collins).

HOPKINSVILLE – JI.Majors 4, Duvall 4, Ja.Majors 2, Cook 26, Earthman 5, Kendrick 2, Jordan 2, Grubbs 12, Hornbuckle 7, Gager 2. FT 12-17. 3-pointers (Earthman, Grubbs).

Union County 72, Crittenden County 30

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 7, C.Moss 1, Oliver 11, Collins 3, Nesbitt, Lynch, K.Moss, Pierce 1, Johnson 1, Evans, Riley, Beverly.

UNION – Campbell 11, Wright 7, Hendrickson 4, Thompson 10, Smith 6, Borett 9, Robertson 4, Bealmer 3, Conway 4, Henderson 2, Williams 3, Greenwell 2, Boldrey 7.

University Heights 78, Crittenden County 47

CRITTENDEN 13 16 6 12

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS 26 20 19 13

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 9, C.Moss 3, Oliver 12, Collins 2, Nesbitt 4, Lynch, K.Moss 16, Pierce, Johnson, Riley, Evans, Beverly 1.

UHA – Holmes 23, Juckett, Tilley, 6 Herbert 1, Leavell, Shouse, Wilson, Kaye 10, Shorton 6, Grubbs 20, Hamby 7, Hall, Starling 2.

DISTRICT GAME

Lyon County 66, Crittenden County 40

CRITTENDEN 15 20 29 40

LYON County 18 22 57 66

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 7, C.Moss 8, Oliver 15, Collins 2, Nesbitt 2, Lynch, K.Moss 4, Pierce, Johnson, Riley, Evans, Beverly.

LYON – Ellis, Somers 8, Johnson, Freeman 9, White, Murphey, Blackburn 15, P'Poole 18, Williams 14, Hawkins.

See the Rocket Basketball Blog for More Details

http://cchsrocketbasketball.blogspot.com/

or access the site through www.The-Press.com

Little League off for Holidays

Logan Young tries to dribble through the defensive pressue deployed by Preston Morgeson during little league basketball last Saturday morning at Rocket Arena. Teams will be off through the holidays. Games will resume on Saturday, Jan. 18. However, K-2 players will perform Friday between the Livingston-Crittenden varsity basketball games at Rocket Arena. The Lady Rocket Little Dribblers will also perform Friday night.



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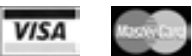
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ORDINANCE NO. 13-10: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-23, At 104, 108, 110, 112, and 114 West Cruce Lane and 937 South Main Street

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on December 16, 2013 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on November 18, 2013, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 01-23 such that the property located 104, 108, 110, 112, and 114 West Cruce Lane and 937 South Main Street is amended from R-1 Residential to I-2 General Industrial District. The full text of the Ordinance is on

file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY,
KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 15th day of November, 2013, I will on Friday, December 20, 2013, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 317 Chandler Farm Road, Sturgis, Crittenden County, KY 42064

DESCRIPTION:
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123, Page 321.

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This the 22nd
day of November, 2013.
Brandi D. Rogers
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-25-c)

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OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-CI-00062
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SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
TO BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING, LP FKA
COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING LP
PLAINTIFF VS.
FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A.,
STEPHEN D. DAVIDSON,
and CARLIN H. DAVIDSON
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the October 25, 2013, I will on Friday, December 20th, 2013, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

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This the 13th
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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-25-c)

Legal Notice
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OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-CI-00041
SUSANNE CONLEY
PLAINTIFF VS.
DOUG WALLACE,
STACY WALLACE,
COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN,
and CITY OF MARION
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the September 12, 2013, I will on Friday, December 20th, 2013, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to

offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 710 North Weldon Street, Marion, Kentucky

DESCRIPTION:

Beginning at the iron pipe at the East side of North Weldon Street, being 15 feet from the center of same, and being 20 feet from the southwest corner lot of #3 as shown upon a plat, and being 19.5 feet northwest of City limits marked #4; thence with the East side of the street South 32 E 130 feet to an iron pin, and being the southwest corner lot #1 as shown upon a plat; thence North 51-1/2 East 145 feet to an iron pin; thence North 32 W 105 feet to an iron post; thence in a westerly direction 145 feet to the point of beginning, and being all of lot #1, and that part of lot #2 South of the division line as shown on the plat attached to the Deed from Ronal W. Nelson et ux to Walter D. Hallum and Alice Hallum, now of record in Deed Book 142, Page 495 in the Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to the John Conley and Susanne Williams or to the survivor from Walter Glen Hallum and wife, Barbara J. Hallum, in Deed Book 199, Page 499 by deed dated August 3, 2004. Susanne Williams is one in the same as Susanne Conley. Further, John Conley, passed away January 25, 2011, and by virtue of the survivorship clause, Susanne Conley obtained the property in fee. Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, wit the balance upon credit of 30 days, The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

This the 14th day
of November, 2013.

Brandi D. Rogers
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-25-c)

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Kentucky Public Service Commission will hold a hearing In the Matter of: Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for a General Adjustment in Rates Supported by Fully Forecasted Test Period, Case No. 2013-00199, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Big Rivers Electric Corporation and intervenors to the proceeding. The hearing will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, in Hearing Room 1 at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter auction results

Dec. 17, 2013
(Next sale will be Jan. 7, 2014)
Receipts: 502 head.
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded 3.00-6.00 higher. Supply included 24% feeder steers, 47% feeder heifers, and 30% of feeders were over 600 pounds. No test last week on slaughter cows and bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	200-300	267	190.00-200.00	194.91
9	300-400	343	190.00-200.00	196.80
6	400-500	421	185.00-187.00	185.99
11	500-600	538	160.00-173.00	164.40
11	600-700	637	143.00-151.00	146.17

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	231	162.50-182.50	175.67
1	300-400	325	168.00	168.00
6	400-500	472	167.00-170.00	167.98
6	500-600	571	143.00-157.00	153.59
2	600-700	615	140.00	140.00
4	700-800	728	135.00-139.00	138.01

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
20	300-400	352	162.00-175.00	167.88
22	400-500	463	161.00-172.00	167.04
40	500-600	557	144.00-157.00	150.44
17	600-700	623	138.00-150.00	145.11
2	700-800	718	128.00-129.00	128.49

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	255	148.00	148.00
4	300-400	364	141.00-157.00	153.04
8	400-500	459	140.00-157.00	152.56
5	500-600	566	125.00-143.00	134.23

12	600-700	684	121.00-131.00	128.53
1	700-800	740	108.00	108.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	300-400	351	172.50-180.00	178.40
6	400-500	419	168.00-178.00	174.36
16	500-600	553	150.00-165.00	156.58
16	600-700	634	139.00-146.00	143.02
14	700-800	719	128.00-137.00	129.35
3	800-900	835	120.00-124.00	121.66
1	900-1000	920	105.00	105.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	400-500	418	157.00	157.00
16	500-600	581	142.00-148.00	144.21
1	600-700	620	125.00	125.00
2	700-800	700	117.00	117.00

Slaughter Cows:

%Lean	Weight	AD	HD	LD
Breaker	75-80	1200-1600	73-80	67-71
Boner	80-85	1110-1600	72-77	81 69-71
Lean	85-90	1010-1560	65-72	77-79 57-64
Lite	85-90			

Slaughter Bulls:

YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	Lo-Dress
#1-2	1335-2245	88.00-89.00	80.50-82.00

Stock Cows: Cows 2 to 9 years old and 5 to 8 months bred 920.00-1310.00 per head.

Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Cows 6 to 9 years old with calves at side 1000.00-1260.00 per pair.

Chip Stewart, market specialist
www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sv_ls150.txt
This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.

FSA office closing out calendar year

We at the Salem Farm Service Agency want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. It is hard to believe that this year is almost over. Where did the year go?

Wheat certifications

If you do not get to the office by Monday to certify wheat and other fall seeded small grains, we now have been granted the ability to take late filed wheat or other fall seeded small grains until Jan. 15, 2014 without a late file penalty. This is still a late file, so we will have a little extra paper-work.

As soon as you are able, please contact the office to schedule an appointment to certify. As always, you are more than welcome to drop off insurance maps.

CRP reminders

We would just like to remind producers that have Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts that from time to time, utility companies, gas companies, state or county depart-



ments, etc., have to do work that goes through their CRP contract. If this is going to occur, please make sure you notify the office so that the County Committee is aware of what is going to take place.

If your contract is spot checked and your approved cover is excessively disturbed from utility work, your contract can be in violation. We just want to make sure producers understand that before this activity occurs, they should contact the office so it can be authorized by the County Committee.

Please notify us as soon as possible so we can take the necessary steps to keep your contract in compliance. Also, with the new road

going through Crittenden County, we have several CRP contracts that this may affect. Please contact the office as soon as possible if your CRP contract has been affected by the new road project.

1099 time

It is almost time to be sending 1099s for tax purposes. We would like to share that anyone receiving \$600 or less from our office will not be receiving a mailed 1099.

We are able to print a copy of this information (not on an actual 1099) from our system. So if you received less than \$600 from our office and would like documentation of these payments, we will be more than happy to print this information.

Also, we encourage individuals to closely look at their 1099 for accuracy. The software we use does not account for refunds. For example, if we issued a payment and for some reason we had to correct something, our software makes us repay the old payment

and re-issue the new payment. In this example, your 1099 would just show the amount of both payments, thus creating an inflated amount on your 1099.

If you receive a 1099 with payments issued that appear more than normal, you can contact the office and we can print a report that will show the payments and refunds. Therefore, you would only report the actual payments received not what is reported on the actual 1099.

Upcoming

Friday: County Committee election ballots will be mailed for Local Administrative Area 1.

Next Wednesday: The office will be closed in observance of Christmas.

Jan. 1: The office will be closed in observance of New Year's Day.

(Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties. She can be reached at 988-2180.)

Conservation assistance, funding available

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky is encouraging landowners, farmers and producers to visit their local NRCS office now to receive information and apply for conservation technical assistance and possible financial funding opportunities.

The application process for NRCS's conservation programs is continuous, but funding selections for specific programs are made throughout the year. For the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) the first application cutoff period date for consideration for next year's funds is Jan. 17, 2014. Applications received after that date will be held until the next application cut off period, which will be April 18, 2014.

NRCS Acting State Conservationist Jack Kuhn announced this month that technical and financial assistance is available to eligible

applicants for the EQIP. EQIP is a conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices. Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for this program. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland and other farm or ranch lands.

EQIP offers several National and State Initiatives which include the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed Initiative, Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative, Organic Initiative, On-Farm Energy Initiative, Wildlife Initiative and Forestry Initiative. Interested land users should visit their local NRCS Office to find out what opportunities are avail-

able through each of these EQIP Initiatives.

A second conservation program, WHIP, offers opportunities through the Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW), which focuses on the recovery of certain at-risk, threatened or endangered wildlife species while helping other vulnerable and game species that depend on similar habitat. In Kentucky, the Golden-winged Warbler is the species of concern for parts of 12 Kentucky counties including Bell, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley.

"We're urging producers to get their applications in as soon as possible to be considered for this year's funding," said Kuhn.

All recipients of assistance are required to develop a conservation plan. Conservation planning is an integral part of the conservation process. Landowners should work with a conservation planner to develop the plan based on

the landowner's operational goals to improve the productivity, sustainability and profitability of their operation. The conservation plan will serve as a roadmap to a variety of technical assistance and financial assistance through EQIP and WHIP, as well as other options available to the landowner. "We're getting back to our roots with conservation planning," says Kuhn. "Conservation planning is the vital first step in understanding natural resources on your land and also understanding how technical and financial conservation assistance can be incorporated into your operation to help you help the land." He added, "Now is the time to contact your local NRCS Field Office to develop a conservation plan."

For more information visit NRCS on the Internet at www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov or contact your local NRCS service center at 965-3921, extension. 3 or visit the office at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion.

NEWS BRIEFS

Snow, ice removal costly to taxpayers

The season's first winter storm proved costly to taxpayers in Crittenden County, eating up more than \$150,000 in city, county and state tax dollars tied to the removal of ice and snow from roadways.

Heath Martin, superintendent of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's highway department in Crittenden County, reports \$77,152 was spent clearing state highways Dec. 5-10. The price tag includes the cost of labor, equipment, fuel and materials.

The state tallied 596 hours of labor, used 410 tons of salt and 2,050 gallons of calcium chloride for pre-treatment and drove a total of 6,080 miles addressing messy roadways.

The county road department had a more difficult time clearing nearly 400 miles of roadway in its maintenance system. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the total cost came in at just under \$90,000 when \$50,000 in estimated repairs to equipment damaged during clearing is added to labor, fuel and material costs.

Two graders used as snow plows were damaged. One will require a new transmission and the other needs extensive brake repairs. A pickup truck was also damaged during the 10 days county crews were out clearing roads.

The county used 126 tons of salt at \$70 per ton.

The City of Marion amassed a relatively small bill of \$3,280 to clear 39 miles of city streets. Eighty hours of labor were put in and 25 tons of salt were spread. The city also had its two snow plows go down for a period during efforts to remove snow and ice.

Courthouse leak ruins Smartboard

A leaky roof at Crittenden County Courthouse ruined a \$10,000 Smartboard used for presentations of evidence during court proceedings.

Water began pouring in through the ceiling of the upstairs courtroom after the icy precipitation from the season's first winter storm began to melt. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the frozen precipitation had clogged the roof's drainage system, giving the melted snow and ice nowhere to run. The pooling water eventually made its way through the ceiling of the courtroom, directly above the Smartboard.

"It was like a waterfall," Newcom said of the leak.

The judge-executive said the county's insurance will pay for replacement of the Smartboard.

Meantime, the leaky roof has been repaired and sealed. A more permanent fix to leaks in the courthouse roof should take place in the spring, Newcom said.

County officials had previously explored the idea of re-

placing the courthouse's flat roof plagued by leaks during times of heavy precipitation. However, placing a slanted roof on the entire building proved to be cost-prohibitive.

Newcom believes sealing the known leaks with a silicone-based patch should prevent them from recurring in the near future.

City council OKs rezoning request

Marion City Council on Monday approved an ordinance to amend the city's zoning map to reflect a requested change to properties on West Cruce Lane and South Main Street. The amendment changes the designation of the tracts from residential to industrial.

The five tracts on West Cruce Lane are located next to the Siemens manufacturing facility off South Main Street and are owned by John Newcom. The other property is

937 S. Main St. That is where Siemens' recent expansion is located.

Also at Monday's City Council meeting:

- The council voted to reappoint Michael Wheeler, Darick Myers and Karen Woodall to the Marion Tourism Commission. The appointment is for three years.

- An audit of the city's Fiscal Year 2012-13 finances presented by Jeff Walker of Walker & Associates in Paducah showed no discrepancies.

CEMETERY

Continued from Page 1

road to which they believed the county had access.

Guess, who owns the land on which a major portion of the access road lies, was not at Tuesday's fiscal court meeting, but tells The Crittenden Press she has no intention of preventing access to the cemetery. She only wants to protect her property while providing a means to reach the cemetery.

The cemetery is bordered

on one side by landowners Harry and Judy Wilder and on three sides by landowners Johnnie and Gary Garland.

The cemetery is less than one-quarter of an acre and well manicured, the heirs say. They were armed Tuesday with various photographs of the cemetery showing a large, well-maintained sign and closely groomed graveyard, which includes 44 marked graves. The last person to be interred there was laid to rest in the 1920s, said Paris, one of the heirs and primary spokesman for the group.

By making a donation to the American Cancer Society during this holiday season, the following people bring holiday greetings and blessings to their friends and neighbors.

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NORTH HAYDEN...3 BR, 2 BA, brick home. Nice big yard. **CH SOLD**

ON TOP OF THE HILL...3 BR brick home w/baths that have both showers & tubs, his/her vanity's. Great room, kitchen includes built in stove, ovens, microwave, trash compactor. **al**

WEST CENTRAL...3 BR, 2 BA brick home in town. Gas central heat & air, eat-in kitchen, master bath w/2 sinks. **lj**

FORDS FERRY...3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, dining room, 3 car garage all appliances on 2.19 acres. **jb**

FENCED YARD...2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Marion on a corner lot. 1561 square feet of living space. **tl**

CORNER LOT LOCATION...2 BR, 1 BA, close to schools, hospital and Country Club. Call for more info. **gb**

LAKE GEORGE ESTATE...3-4 BR, 2 BA home w/fireplace, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan in kitchen, dining & den w/great views, Detached garage w/large addition & central HVAC, fireplace, wired for sound, BR w/shower, closet space, Property is on over 4 acres. **jc**

SALEM RANCH...

3 BR, 2 BA, gas log fireplace, appliances included, sun-room, large lot, storage shed. **mr**

VICTORIAN HOME...

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LIONS DR...

2 BR, 1 BA home. **jh**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY STONE...

This Salem home has Livingston Co. Stone on the exterior. Features 2-3 BR, 1 BA. Convenient location within walking distance to Bank, Grocery, churches, beauty shop, etc. Would also make

BUILDING LOTS

CORNER LOT...vacant, ready to build.

3 BUILDING LOTS...located in Crittenden Co. **jp**

LARGE VACANT LOT...located in Marion. **gb**

3.94 ACRES...open ground inside city limits. **rs**

COMMERCIAL

COMMERCIAL BUILDING...Office space and utility type buildings located in Marion on 2.07 acres.

ACREAGE

7.7 ARCES...located in Marshall Co. KY. Kentucky Lake area, Wooded property, great location for secluded home close to great fishing & hunting that is available within a short distance to the property. **ab**

8 ACRES...some woods. **SOLD**

14 ACRES...3 BR, 2 BA brick home in Crittenden County. Eat in kitchen w/ appliances, walk out basement.

40 ACRE ESTATE...serenity is what owners call this home. 5 BR, 5 BA brick with views of countryside. Amenities include: in ground pool, work out room, fireplace, built-in cabinets, plus too many others to mention. **jh**

115 ACRES...in the center of Crittenden County, KY, tract has approx. 25 acres of row crop & potentially more acres if clean some of the areas adjacent to the fields. Farm has good gravel road running thru the property w/part of the road being a County Rd.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Marion native promoted to captain

Marion native Capt. Sean L. McKinney (center) received his promotion certificate on Dec. 9 in Frankfort from Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown (left) and Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer (right). A 12-year veteran of the Kentucky State Police, McKinney serves as commander of the KSP West Drug Enforcement Special Investigations Branch in Bowling Green. A 1989 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 1996 graduate of Murray State University, McKinney lives in Henderson.

PSC allows rehearing in Big Rivers rate case

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Kentucky utility regulators are revisiting a portion of their decision adjusting revenue and rates for Big Rivers Electric Corp. to offset the loss of its largest customer.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission on Dec. 10 granted a rehearing on one of three issues raised in the case.

The issue to be reviewed deals with calculating revenue Big Rivers will receive from the continued operation of its Coleman plant.

No date has been set for the rehearing of the first rate case.

Those seeking the rehearing were the state attorney general's office, the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers Inc. and the Sierra Club. They contend Big Rivers understated annual revenue it will receive for operating the Coleman plant by about \$12 million.

In October, the PSC authorized Big Rivers to receive an additional \$54.2 million annually from its remaining customers to reflect the loss of a Hawesville smelter as a customer. That was about \$20 million less than the amount sought by Big Rivers.

The PSC also approved pass-through rate increases for the three electric distribution cooperatives that own and purchase power from Big Rivers – Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative (JPEC), Kenergy Corp. and

Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corp. Together, the three cooperatives serve about 112,000 customers in 26 counties in western Kentucky.

Kenergy and JPEC serve Crittenden and Livingston counties.

Second increase request

Although the rehearing proceeding could eventually affect the rate increases granted in the first rate case, it will not affect the second rate case, which was filed in June 2013 in response to the impending loss of Big Rivers' second-largest customer, the Century Aluminum smelter in Sebree.

The Sebree smelter is scheduled to depart the system in January in favor of purchasing power on the open market. That will be a \$175 million hit to Big Rivers, which is about half of the power company's remaining annual sales. Big Rivers is seeking a \$70.4 million increase from the PSC tied to the loss of the Sebree facility. The proposed rate hike would increase the average residential bill \$25 to \$30 a month, or about 21.5 percent. The amount of increase will vary with electric consumption and with which of Big Rivers' three distribution cooperatives serves the customer. Large industrial customers would see rates go up about 25 percent, the utility says.

The PSC held a public

meeting Monday in Henderson about Big Rivers' rate hike request. A public comment session on Jan. 8, 2014, in Frankfort will be linked through video conference to sites in Owensboro and Paducah beginning at 9 a.m.

The meeting and video-conference take the place of sessions originally scheduled for Dec. 10 that were postponed due to inclement weather.

"We are sorry that we were unable to hold these public comment sessions as originally scheduled," PSC Chairman David Armstrong said. "However, the PSC is committed to offering ratepayers an opportunity to learn about the PSC's ratemaking process and to make their views known to the commission."

For those unable to attend Monday's meeting, a narrated slide presentation will be available on the PSC's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/kypsc.

Written comments on Big Rivers' rate increase request will be accepted through the conclusion of an evidentiary hearing on Jan. 7, 2014. They may be mailed to the PSC at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, faxed to (502) 564-9625, e-mailed from the PSC website or submitted in person at the public meetings or at the PSC offices.

(Editor's note: The Associated Press and Kentucky News Connection contributed

Fall forest fire hazard season in Kentucky over

Kentucky's fall forest fire hazard season has officially ended. The restriction on burning times is no longer in place until the start of the spring fire season Feb. 15, 2014. The Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) though, continues to encourage everyone to be vigilant when burning or building fires in the open.

Since Jan. 1, KDF has suppressed 948 wildland fires that have burned 22,821 acres across the state. Forestry officials reported the following causes for this year's wildfires: 679 arson fires, 155 debris fires and 114 fires from other causes. Spring rains and a cooler fall have likely contributed to lower fire numbers for this year.

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3 candidates file papers for 2014 election

STAFF REPORT

Three more local candidates have filed for offices up for election in 2014.

Rebecca Johnson, a Democrat, has filed to seek a third term as county attorney. As of press time, no other candidates had filed for the position.

Republican Mike McConnell joins a growing list of candidates for jailer. Already having filed for the position are Republican Robert "Rocky" Roberts and Democrats Rick Mills and Byron Jasis. Current Jailer Phil Parker, appointed in August to fill Rickey Riley's unexpired term, does not intend to seek the post in next year's election.

Roy Todd, a Democrat, has filed to seek re-election as 3rd District constable.

The filing deadline for candidates seeking election in partisan races and non-partisan judicial races in 2014 is Jan. 28, 2013. Next year's primary will be held May 20.

The last day to change political party affiliation and be eligible to vote in that political party affiliations' primary election is Dec. 31. However, County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office will be closed that day, making Dec. 30 the last day to change party affiliation in Crittenden County.

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